COMMANDER’S CORNER:

HAPPY NEW YEAR to all of the Post 419 Family, my hope is that everyone had a safe and enjoyable time at Christmas with family and loved ones. Please be reminded that 1st Sunday Breakfast is on JANUARY 8, 2017 due to New Years Day falling on first Sunday this year, hope to see many members there. Those who did attend Breakfast in December were able to enjoy some entertainment by the singing group know as the “Zingers”. The ladies put on an excellent show and we will see about having them back in the future.

Our Post Christmas Party was held on December 9, 2016, all who attended had a good time and Santa Claus was in attendance as well. There was a major hic-cup when the DJ didn't show, we cant apologize enough for that and we still haven’t heard why.

The New Year’s Eve Party is also coming up, it will on December 31, 2016 and tickets are on sale both at the Post and from Francis Borg.

We supported the Honor Flight Bay Area with the Reunion for the last group (#10). This was held at the Post on December 11, 2016 and was the last until next year. We have information at the Post, on the table by the front door to the hall, for anyone interested in taking a WWII Veteran on this trip, or go to their website (www.honorflightbayarea.org) for additional information. The schedule for 2017 flights will be out soon so that all who wish to attend either a departure or return flight can do so.

There has been a lot done in the rebuilding of the website, I again hope everyone will be able to visit it and pass on any suggestions to make it more user friendly.

The Post is in NEED of a new FINANCE OFFICER, anyone interested please contact myself or any other Post officer.

The Facility Manager position has been filled, Paul Rivera has been appointed. Please welcome him when you see him.

Again let me repeat myself, I hope all Post members and their families stayed safe in any travels that they may have taken.

Jeff Driskell
Commander
Chaplain’s Report:

We have been informed that Carl B. Magnum transferred to Post Everlasting Nov, 2015. He was a 10 year Post member. We extend our thoughts and prayers to his family and friends. We also want to send well wishes to Gurney Sampson who is in recovery.

We hope all enjoyed a Blessed Christmas Season and a Safe and Happy 2017

A reminder that you might have your wishes known to your families, along with your DD214 (or copy of).

Gene Venechanos, Chaplain
Post 408-244-3050; Home 408-248-5218; Cell 408-313-0864

ADJUTANT CORNER:

In the fall of each year, the National Headquarters sends out 2nd and 3rd notices to members asking them to pay their renewal dues. The National Headquarters checks to see who has renewed before printing the notification at a certain time, but doesn’t check after that date to see which members have renewed their membership before mailing the reminders. This is not only annoying and upsetting to local post members, but it results in much more work for the Post in ensuring no one pays twice and responding to members who believe the Post sent them the inappropriate notices. Fortunately, we have a system at the Post where we are usually able to catch a second payment and return the money to the member. However, at present, there is little that can be done about these indiscriminate billings as all of this originates with the National Headquarters with no input from the Post.

If you receive any notices and you have already paid your renewal dues, please disregard the notices—do not pay twice. If you are unclear as to whether you paid previously, call me at (408) 244-3050 ext. 86 and I will respond to you personally.

Our Webmaster continues to tweak our new Post website. It has much information about the American Legion, the Post and events that are scheduled to be held at the Post—the events of the Sons, Auxiliary and Post. In addition, a calendar is there showing dates that are available for Post or outside events. If you are aware someone is considering renting the hall for an event, you may direct them to the website calendar of events to ensure their preferred date is available.

In today’s social media society, most folks, especially younger ones, want and expect information to be immediately available to them. We are doing our best to move in that direction with our website. Please, check it out at alpost419ca.org.

Have you established your personal account on the National Headquarters website? You can reach it at www.mylegion.org. There is much information, including your personal membership information anytime you wish to check on your renewal, addresses, etc.

I encourage you to take advantage of everything that is immediately available to our members on line.

Best regards,

Mel Irvin
Post 419 Adjutant
Happy December!!!! Happy January!!! I hope that you had a wonderful holiday season, surrounded by loved ones.

I would like to first congratulate Maydean Grundstrom. Due to her hard work and dedication, our unit was the first in the district to reach its goal of 100% with membership!! Amazing!! Secondly, I would like to thank all of you for renewing your membership. Our unit is by far the biggest unit in the area. Thank you for joining us and helping our local veterans.

A big thank you to Maggie Taylor Aherne for partnering with the Post to make the New Years Eve dinner dance a success!!

Our annual Valentine's Day dance may have a new date, as once again we have found ourselves competing with a different local event on the same night. Frances Leyerle was kind enough to volunteer to head the event. We will work with the post to see if another date is available, and will keep everyone up to date.

Our next meeting is January 11th, 2017. Social hour is at 6pm, with the meeting starting at 7pm. Please join us for the meeting!! Let's show 2017 just how strong we really are.

Until next time, have a Happy New Year!!

-Callie

Callie
ALA Unit 419 President

American Legion Auxiliary
The mission of the American Legion Auxiliary is to support The American Legion and to honor the sacrifice of those who serve by enhancing the lives of veterans, the military and their families. Through various programs, the Auxiliary also educates citizens, mentors youth, and promotes patriotism, citizenship, peace and security. Membership is open to wives, mothers, daughters, sisters, grandmothers, granddaughters and great granddaughters of veterans who served during wartime; some Auxiliary members are veterans themselves.

• If an applicant is joining on her own service record, the Auxiliary unit to which she is applying for membership will be responsible for verification of her eligibility for membership.
• If applicant is joining on the basis of her relationship to a member of The American Legion, an officer of the post to which that relative belongs must certify the Legionnaire’s membership in that post.
• If an applicant wishes to join a unit or a post other than the one to which her Legionnaire relative belongs, the unit to which she is applying for membership should check the eligibility with the post of her relative.
"Tis Was The Season and I hope everyone had a Merry Christmas, a Happy New Year and that all were safe and made it home OK.

Now that we’re in the new year, let’s talk again about the upcoming events for the Legion.

Annual All-You-Can-Eat Crab Feed - Saturday - Jan. 28th - The Annual Crab Feed is quickly approaching. We've kept the price the same for the past three years so I hope everyone will take advantage of these prices. It's $45.00 for all you can eat Dungeness crab, pasta, bread and salad, plus there will be raffle prizes. This is a fun event for all so please plan to attend.

Super Bowl Day - Sunday, Feb. 5th - Like last year, the Post will sell a catered breakfast from 8:30 - 10:30am, which includes bacon, sausage links, scrambled eggs, home fried potatoes, French toast and waffles, assorted bagels w/cream cheese, assorted muffins, strawberry parfait, ambrosia salad and fresh fruits. Tickets sold through Dec. 31st are $10.00 and tickets sold from Jan. 1st - Feb. 5th are $11.00. Hard to beat these prices folks so get you tickets now. Then from 1:30 - 4:30pm, there will be a Super Bowl Party dinner catered by Dwayne, which includes snacks like Italian sausage, chicken wings and vegetables with dips. Then at Half Time, there will be BBQ Tri-Tip, BBQ Chicken, bean, salad, bread and desert. Tickets sold from Dec. 16th - Jan. 15th will be $30.00, tickets sold from Jan. 16th - Feb. 4th will go for $35.00 and finally tickets sold on game day Feb. 5th will be $40.00. So why not save some money and buy those tickets early. You can always spend the savings at the bar!

St. Patrick's Dinner / Dance - Friday, Mar. 17th - We will again enjoy a traditional Irish dinner consisting of corned beef, cabbage, potatoes, etc. prepared again by Bonnie Gundo, which is favored by many! Especially me since I'm married to her! Cost is only $25.00 so why not come out and have a nice dinner with dancing into the evening.

Annual Car Show - Saturday, June 10th - It's our Annual Car Show which is enjoyed by many. This is our biggest fundraiser for the year and we look forward to providing donations to different Veteran programs. There is no charge and it's open to the public. BBQ lunches are sold, there are raffle prizes as well as a live Auctioneer who auctions off some nice gifts, and of course the Rockin Blues Express provides live music in the parking lot. Finally at the end of the day, plaques are presented to Car Owners voted on by the public and car owners. A fun day for all. Please plan to attend.

As you can imagine, not only does it take volunteers from your Post to run these events, but it also takes donations. This is where you, a Post 419 member, can contribute to make these events successful. We need cash donations, which can be used to purchase raffle prizes or can be applied to the bottom line, or new or slightly used items which can be again raffled off at the event. Raffles are a great way to generate revenue for the event, and our guests really look forward to having the winning tickets. So please help Post 419 and donate where possible. The next raffle will be held during the Crab Feed so there’s not that much time. If you need me to pick up any donations, please call me on my cell phone, 408-218-2408. Thank you in advance for your contributions to keep our Post open and supporting the veteran support programs.

Regards,
Rick Gundo
Squadron 419 Report

Hello to everyone once again. Yet another month has passed, and the start of a new year. I hope that everyone had a very Merry Christmas, and a safe and sane New Year! I hope that all the head aches have passed, and everyone is ready to start the new year on a great note. Thank you to all who attended the Christmas party. A great meal and a great crowd. On a sour note, the DJ flaked out on us, Dave "The Hitman". We apologize to everyone who were looking forward to dancing to some Christmas music, but him not showing up was completely out of our control. So, if anyone ever needs a DJ, please do not use Dave "The Hitman"! There are plenty of other DJ's around, and we have numbers for them.

Getting back to the Thanks For Giving, Gary Buhler and I delivered the proceeds check to the San Jose MEPS Family Readiness Group out at Moffett Field. For those of you who don't know, there was a lot of leg work that went into finding an active military group to donate these proceeds to! Gary B. spent a lot of time finding, meeting with, and staying in contact with the Major of the MEPS group and made it happen. This is going to be a long standing relationship between the SON's and the MEPS, and they are very appreciative for the donation. The SON's donated a check of $1,000.00. Some of the monies are going towards a Christmas party for the military families, and the rest will go to the families who are most in need in the form of $50 gift cards. I can't stress enough how satisfying the feeling was to experience the gratitude of Major Amantiad. The major gave Gary B. and I each a challenge coin that is classy and pretty cool. Thanks to the Major, and thanks to Gary B. NICE WORK!!!

Thank you all, who attended the party for our Little Bob Bozzolo. It was great to see him, and I have talked to him recently, and he was glad to see all his pals.

Let's not forget that Super Bowl is coming up sooner than later. If you want to attend the Legion party, get a hold of Rich Frazier to get tickets before the price goes up. Hope to see you all there.

One last note, for those of you who attend the meetings, the S.A.L are going to meet somewhere other than Post 419. On more than one occasion, the Son's meeting crosses over with one of the post's meetings, and last month we had 13 people meet in the office. If anyone has any ideas, please feel free to bring it up at the next meeting, otherwise, thanks for your support. No armchair quarterbacks! Thanks to those of you who do attend the meetings, and everyone also needs to think about who is going to take over what position. Thanks for keeping the S.A.L strong. Until we meet again, have a great month.
COMMUNITY SERVICES

A HELPING HAND FOR A FRIEND. Our friend and comrade, member of the American Legion Squadron 419 is just that. Kirk McClelland made a special stop at his friends home to give him a Christmas gift. This wasn’t just any gift. The friend was Jim Hoogesteger who suffers from essential tremors in his hands which makes it very difficult for him to eat things such as soups and cereals. This astonish gift was a Liftware gyro spoon. Through the aid of electronic and a gyro keeps the spoon/fork steady and level. This is an astonishing new device recently introduced to the market, not available in stores.

Kirk said “I saw a news article on Liftware on the television and immediately thought of Jim. It looked like such a useful tool for someone with Jim’s condition so I thought it would make a great Christmas present, It is all about helping our veterans who helped me live in one of the best countries in the world.”

The leveling handle is designed to accommodate limited hand and arm mobility that may be related to conditions like cerebral palsy, spinal cord injury, Huntington's disease, Parkinson's disease, or post-stroke deficits. The handle includes built-in sensors, a computer, and motors. The soup spoon attachment connects to the stabilizing handle, holds about 1 tablespoon (15mL) of liquid, and can pick up food such as soups, cereals and other liquids. The leveling handle is also compatible with the fork attachment. These attachments are sold separately.

WREATH ACROSS AMERICA was an event started several years ago by one man who wanted to honor or fallen heros. He places several wreaths on graves at the Arlington National Cemetery. This idea was pickup by sereral other in the Washington D.C. area the followings years and has sence spread to over 1000 ceme-teries acorss America. It is estimated that last year alone there were over 800,000 wreaths laid on the final resting places of our veterans. This year The American Legion District 13, (Post 419) and a couple of other had the privledge of rendering honors at the Wreath laying cermomers at Gate of Heaven in Los Altos and we look forward to rendering honors again next year.
Each year the United Veterans Council and the City of San Jose put on one of the biggest parades for veterans in America. This year was no exception. Legion Post 419, Squadron 419 and the Auxiliary Unit 419 participated in this year parade again, we were #53 on the list of entrants. I can only speak for the last 6 or 7 years but I am sure the Posts participation goes a lot further back then that. In some respects it is a lot of fun doing these events and Veterans Day usually turns out to be a long day for a lot of the members. The staging and actual marching of the parade which takes up several hours of the day are only part of the day’s events. The afternoons are usually taken up with Memorial services at Santa Clara’s Central Park on Kely Blvd.at the Veterans Memorial, which was established several years ago. To most of us these ceremonies bring back a lot of memories of our time in service and we look back on the events that took place than and it is fitting for us to honor those who have gone before us and to pray for those who now serve and hopefully come home safe.

Below are some photos taken at this years parade. We had members from WWII, Korean and Vietnam periods in this years parade. Also participating in the color guard was a member of Squadron 419 from Santa Clara.
AMERICAN LEGION
POST 419

ANNUAL ALL-YOU-CAN-EAT

Crab Feed!

Saturday, Jan. 28, 2017 @ 6:00pm
Doors Open: 4:30pm

JOIN US FOR OUR ANNUAL CRAB FEED

Serving crab, pasta, salad and garlic bread

ALL-YOU-CAN-EAT FOR $45.00

Raffle Prizes and Full Service Bar.
Beverages not included in pricing.

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Annual

SUPER BOWL—FEBRUARY 5, 2017

American
Continental Breakfast 8:30 to 10:30
Crispy sliced bacon ~ Brown sausage links ~ Scrambled eggs ~
Home fried potatoes ~ French toast & waffles w/syrups
Assorted bagels w/cream cheese ~ Assorted muffins ~
Strawberry parfait ~ Ambrosia salad ~ Fresh seasonal fruits

Price: Through Dec. 31, $10.00
Jan. 1 - Feb. 5, $11.00
Price includes 1 Raffle Ticket for BBQ Grill

Watch the game on an 8' screen!

Super Bowl Party - Limit 150 people (Club Room closed)
Time: 1:30pm - 4:30pm

Super Snacks Provided: Italian Sausage ~ Chicken Wings with Dip
~ Fresh Veggies with Dip

Half-Time Dinner, Catered by Dwayne
BBQ Tri Tip, BBQ Chicken, Beans, Salad, Bread and Dessert

Price: Through Dec. 15, $25.00
Dec. 16 - Jan. 15, $30.00
Jan. 16 - Feb. 4, $35.00
On Feb. 5, $40.00

Grand Prize: Gas2Coal® BBQ
- Innovative charcoal pan uniquely channels air movement for increased efficiency and cooking control and fewer flare-ups.
- Cooks with gas or charcoal.
- Converts to charcoal for additional flavor - no tools required.
- Easily ignite charcoal with gas burners with no lighter fluid needed.

One Raffle Ticket Provided Per Entry
$2.00 Each Additional Raffle Ticket
Need not be present to win.

Char-Broil Gas2Coal® Combo Grill

SEE THE BARTENDERS FOR ENTRY TICKETS
ST. PATRICK’S DINNERS and DANCE
Date: Friday, March 17, 2017
Doors Open: 4:30 pm
Dinner Starts: 6:00 pm
Menu: Corned Beef & Cabbage
Music and Dancing: 7:00 – 10:00 pm
Full Service Bar (Beverages not included in pricing)
Price: $25 per person

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**UPCOMING EVENTS & MEETINGS**

### 2017

- **Jan 4** — Post Membership Meeting - 7:00 PM
- **Jan 5** — SON’ Squadron 419 Membership Meeting 7:00 PM
- **Jan 8** — First Sunday Breakfast 9:00 am—11:00 am
- **Jan 11** — Auxiliary Unit 419 Membership meeting 7:00 PM
- **Jan 28** — Annual Crab Feed

- **Feb 1** — Post Membership Meeting - 7:00 PM
- **Feb 2** — SON’ Squadron 419 Membership Meeting 7:00 PM
- **Feb 5** — Super Bowl Breakfast 9:00 am—11:00 am
- **Feb 5** — Super Bowl Party 1:30 pm—4:30 pm (Post)
- **Feb 8** — Auxiliary Unit 419 Membership meeting 7:00 PM
- **Feb 11** — Sadie Hawkins Dance (AUX)

- **Mar 1** — Post Membership Meeting - 7:00 PM
- **Mar 2** — SON’ Squadron 419 Membership Meeting 7:00 PM
- **Mar 5** — First Sunday Breakfast 9:00 am—11:00 am
- **Mar 8** — Auxiliary Unit 419 Membership meeting 7:00
- **Mar 17** — St Patrick Day Dinner Dance 5,6,7pm (Post)

- **Apr 2** — First Sunday Breakfast 9:00 am—11:00 am
- **Apr 5** — Post Membership Meeting - 7:00 PM
- **Apr 6** —SON’ Squadron 419 Membership Meeting 7:00 PM
- **Apr 8** — Son’ Squadron SOCK HOP
- **Apr 12** — Auxiliary Unit 419 Membership meeting 7:00 PM

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**HONORING OUR WWII VETERANS**

**Honor Flight Bay Area 2016 Flight Schedule**

Honor Flight Bay Area Foundation, an authorized affiliate of The Honor Flight Network, The Last flight for 2016 has gone and come back, with some very happy WWII Veterans and guardians, New flights are in the planning for 2017. If you are a WWII veteran who has not had the opportunity to visit your WWII national memorial in Washington, D.C., please contact us. This is an all expense paid trip for our WWII veterans.

A hearty THANK YOU to all who have participated in an honor flight and to those who have helped in Honor Flight’s success. A special thank you to Post 419 for their superb and continued support.

Don Newton, Past Commander Post 419 and District 13 Director, Honor Flight Bay Area Foundation

**Honor Flight Applications**

Be sure to send in your application. We are booking now for flights. Please hurry and do not hesitate.

Applications for Veterans, guardians and volunteers are available on line at [www.honorflightbayarea.org](http://www.honorflightbayarea.org). Guardians are volunteers who pay their own way to accompany the Veterans and provide personal assistance throughout the trip.

Local assistance in applying for trips is available by contacting Honor Flight Bay Area Foundation.

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**NEED A BANQUET FACILITY FOR YOUR SPECIAL CELEBRATION OR MEETING?**

The Post’s banquet facility is available for rent to members and the public. The facility can comfortably seat up to 200 people. The banquet room is equipped with a stage, full service bar and an adjoining kitchen. For complete details call Paul Rivera at 408-244-3050 or 408-644-5338.

Stop by and see what we have to offer. We are located at 958 Homestead Rd., Santa Clara, CA 95050.

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**DON’T FORGET SUNDAY BREAKFAST — Jan 8th, Feb 5th Mar 5th**